

Attention is again called to the important question of Sunday opening. The numerous requests for admission into the museum on Sundays clearly speak the public mind, or at any rate, the wish of a large number of the city's inhabitants. The Academy of the Fine Art and the Zoological Society have set an example in the right direction, and there seems to be no reason, beyond an inadequacy of funds to maintain such opening, why our Academy should not follow the lead. Sunday-opening would certainly be a charity to that large body of useful citizens whose daily employment debars them from the advantages which the institution otherwise offers.

During the year specimens for study have been loaned to Prof. R. P. Whitfield, of New York; to Prof's. Osborn and Scott, of Princeton; to Dr. G. Baur, of New Haven; to Dr. George Marx, of Washington; and to Dr. Harrison Allen, of this city.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELO HEILPRIN,

Curator-in-Charge.

JOSEPH LEIDY,

Ch'n Curators.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF THE WILLIAM S. VAUX COLLECTIONS.

The Curator of the William S. Vaux Collections respectfully submits his sixth annual report to the Council of the Academy.

The collections are in good order and condition, the only change made since the report of 1887, being the introduction of one hundred and two specimens purchased within the year and added to the collection. These specimens have been purchased at a cost of \$420.10.

The collections now consist of the following:—

No. of minerals reported 1887,	6,786
No. of minerals purchased 1888,	102
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Total,	6,888
Archæological specimens (same as reported in 1887),	2,940

The growth of the collection, since it came into the Academy's possession is as follows:—

Specimens purchased in 1884,	60
Specimens purchased in 1885,	104
Specimens purchased in 1886,	114
Specimens purchased in 1887,	156
Specimens purchased in 1888,	102
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Total,	536

The aggregate cost of the 536 specimens has been . \$2506.80

Most worthy of mention among the additions of the year are a fine specimen of Calcite in Malachite, a superb Vanadinite and Wulfenite from Arizona; these specimens, in color and crystallographic form, are the finest ever brought to the city. Other interesting specimens are a single crystal of Gadolenite 6 inches in width by 9 inches in length, said to be the largest crystal ever found; fine large crystals, of Troostite, Tryolite, Erenite, Opal, Turquoise, Thenardite, Trona, Hyalite, Colemanite and others.

A number of species not heretofore represented in the collection have been added.

The visitors to the collection have not been as numerous as in former years; it may be remarked, however, that those who do visit it are persons especially interested in mineralogy or archæology who have made use of it more for the purpose of study than for the gratification of mere curiosity.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB BINDER,

Curator.

REPORT OF THE BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

During the year thirteen stated meetings were held with an average attendance of ten members.

Four public lectures were given.

The following gentlemen were elected members and contributors.

<i>Members.</i>	John T. Pennypacker,
“	Lancaster Thomas.